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SUBJECT: URANIUM ENRICHMENT CAPABILITY FOR AUSTRALIA

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1. SIR WILLIAM TYREE, AN AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIALIST AND FORMER HOLDER OF WESTINGHOUSE SALES FRANCHISE IN AUSTRALIA, HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN RECEIVING USG CLEARANCE TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH US COMPANIES (UNSPECIFIED EXCEPT FOR EXXON) CONCERNED WITH URANIUM ENRICHMENT SERVICES. TYREE PLANS TO VISIT US LATE IN APRIL, AND HE HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT HE CANNOT TALK TO US INDUSTRY CONCERNED WITH URANIUM ENRICHMENT WITHOUT PRIOR USG APPROVAL.

2. TYREE LEADS A GROUP OF INDUSTRIALISTS INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING A COMMERCIAL URANIUM ENRICHMENT CAPABILITY FOR AUSTRALIA (REFAIR). HIS GROUP, U.E.G.A., (URANIUM ENCRICHMENT GROUP OF AUSTRALIA), IS A WORKING GROUP LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ADVISING GOA AND INDUSTRY ON URANIUM ENRICHMENT POSSIBILITIES FOR AUSTRALIA.

3. TYREE HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH GOA AND AUSTRALIAN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION IN PAST, AND GOA IS AWARE OF TYREE'S PROPOSED VISIT TO U.S. NEXT MONTH. HE WILL NOT BE TRAVELING UNDER GOA AUSPICES, HOWEVER, AND WILL HAVE

NO MANDATE TO SPEAK FOR THE GOA.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER TYREE CAN OBTAIN USG CLEARANCE FOR ABOVE VISITS. ALSTON

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